



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT

JOINT INFORMATION CENTER (JIC)

The JIC is designed to serve as the central emergency public information center.

The purpose of the JIC is to issue timely and accurate information to the public, news media and project employees about emergency events at WIPP and/or along the WIPP transportation routes.

The JIC is linked to WIPP's Emergency Operations Center to ensure the accuracy of information in a crisis. News media outlets and key public officials will be notified immediately when the JIC is activated.



DID YOU KNOW...

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY CALL THE TOLL FREE NUMBER (1-800-336-9477) OR DIRECTLY AT 575-234-7380 FOR INFORMATION REGARDING A WIPP EMERGENCY. INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE VIA SOCIAL MEDIA.

If the JIC is activated, reporters will be provided a specific telephone number to call for up-to-date reports about the emergency. Access to the WIPP site, east of Carlsbad, is restricted to project personnel and necessary response personnel during an emergency. Reporters will be asked to come to the JIC for information, including regular updates. Facilities will be available to support reporters in filing/broadcasting stories. Reporters may also find additional information about WIPP and its operations on the WIPP web site at <http://www.wipp.energy.gov>.

Members of the general public will be encouraged to monitor local television and radio stations for up-to-the-minute information regarding a specific emergency involving WIPP or one of its shipments. Members of the public may call for information via the toll free number (1-800-336-9477) or directly at 575-234-7380. Information will also be available via social media.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

WIPP INFORMATION CENTER
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE
P.O. BOX 2078, CARLSBAD, NM 88221
1-800-336-WIPP (9477)
INFOCNTR@WIPP.WS
WWW.WIPP.ENERGY.GOV
FACEBOOK.COM/WIPPNEWS
@WIPPNEWS

The U.S. Department of Energy and the Carlsbad Field Office have established procedures to ensure the health and safety of the public and the environment in the event of an emergency at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) facility. If an actual emergency occurs involving the WIPP facility or a shipment en route to WIPP, the Joint Information Center (JIC) may be activated. Located in Carlsbad, N.M., at the Skeen-Whitlock Building, 4021 National Parks Highway, the JIC is part of the overall WIPP emergency response organization.

The JIC is the central emergency public information center for the Carlsbad Field Office, the WIPP management and operating contractor and other agencies involved in responding to a WIPP-related emergency.